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I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled **TREATING SOOT PREFORMS WITH A REDUCING AGENT**.

The specification of which (check only one item below):

- ☒ is attached hereto
- ☐ was filed as United States Application Serial No. on \_\_\_\_\_  
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I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, § 119(a)-(d) or 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or 365(a) of any PCT international application which designated at least one country other than the United States, listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate, on the same subject matter, having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

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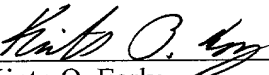
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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

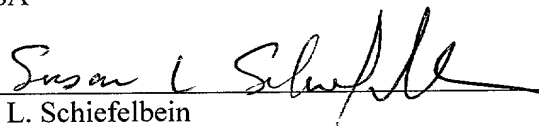
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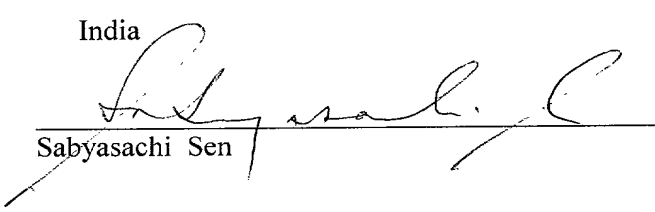
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37 C.F.R. § 3.73(b)  
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**CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 3.73(b)**

**CORNING INCORPORATED**, a New York corporation, certifies that it is the assignee of the entire right, title and interest in the patent application identified above by virtue of an assignment from the inventor(s) of the patent application identified above. A true copy of the unrecorded Assignment is attached hereto.

The undersigned has reviewed the above referenced assignment of the patent application identified above and, to the best of the undersigned's knowledge and belief, title is in the assignee identified above.

The undersigned is empowered to sign this certificate on behalf of the assignee.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true, and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further, that these statements are made with the knowledge that willful false statements, and the like so made, are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001, Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

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**POWER OF ATTORNEY BY ASSIGNEE**

CORNING INCORPORATED, the assignee of the full and exclusive right, title and interest in and to the accompanying application for United States Letters Patent entitled **TREATING SOOT PREFORMS WITH A REDUCING AGENT** and executed by Kintu O. Early, Claude E. Lacy, Susan L. Schiefelbein, Sabyasachi Sen, Wanda J. Walczak, Joseph M. Whalen, Tiffany L. James, Hazel B. Matthews, Chukwuemeka B. Onuh on 10/16/01, 10/17/01, 10/17/01, 10/18/01, 10/23/01, 10/17/01, 10/22/01, 10/22/01, 10/22/01, respectively, appoints the practitioners associated with the Customer Number provided below (i.e., the practitioners associated with the Patent Department, Corning Incorporated) to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith. Please direct all correspondence to Timothy R. Krogh at the address associated with that Customer Number.

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